REMARKS

Claim 8 has been amended to delete multiple-dependency.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the claims by the current Amendment. The attached pages are captioned "Version with markings to show changes made."

Early, favorable prosecution on the merits is respectfully requested.

Please charge any deficiencies in fees and credit any overpayment of fees to Attorney's Deposit Account No. 50-0481.

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

In the claims:

8. (Amended) The print control method of an electrophotograph as claimed in claim 7 wherein in the developing device having at least two or more developing rolls, the developing bias when the potential is detected is set to the developing bias [as claimed in claim 5] such that when the potential is detected, avoidance control of the developing bias applied to the developing device is performed so as to lower the toner covering percentage on the photoconductor, and the developing bias avoiding timing is set to the timing [as claimed in claim 6] such that when the potential is detected, avoidance control of the developing bias is performed after the detected potential passes through a developing nip width of the developing device in order to suppress the carrier fly.